

# RIVERSIDE NEIGHBORHOOD PARTNERSHIP BY-LAWS

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## **\*\*ARTICLE I – NAME\*\***

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### Section 1.

- A. The name of this organization shall be the Riverside Neighborhood Partnership (RNP).
- B. “Board members” shall mean board members of the Riverside Neighborhood Partnership.
- C. “City” shall mean the City of Riverside.

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## **\*\*ARTICLE II – PURPOSE\*\***

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The Riverside Neighborhood Partnership (RNP) is a coalition of neighborhoods, business, non-profit organizations, education, and city government working together to improve the quality of life in Riverside.

In general, the Partnership’s goals are as follows:

- 1.) Encourage and facilitate the **formation of neighborhood associations** citywide.
- 2.) Provide a forum for **communication** between neighborhoods and the City.
- 3.) Offer **assistance and education** to neighborhood groups in solving problems and accessing resources.
- 4.) Provide neighborhood leadership **training**.
- 5.) Act as an **advocate** for neighborhood interests at City Hall.

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## **\*\*ARTICLE III – MEMBERSHIP\*\***

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Section 1. Membership shall consist of a maximum of 25 members in the following categories and determined by the following means:

- A. **15 Neighborhood Representatives** comprised of three members from each of the City’s five Police Service Areas.
  - Each neighborhood representative board member must be active in a neighborhood organization, neighborhood watch, or other identifiable neighborhood group.
  - Residential representatives will be selected by election at an annual Neighborhood Conference (one-third the membership rotating out at completion of a 3-year term). If such a conference does not occur, the Mayor’s Nominating and Screening Committee will select members.
- B. **3 Business Members**
  - Business members shall be members of or endorsed by the Greater Riverside Chambers of Commerce.
  - The Mayor’s Nominating and Screening Committee shall make selection.
- C. **3 Education Members**
  - Education members shall be affiliated with the following:  
One member from Alvord Unified School District, one member from Riverside Unified School District, and one member from an accredited college or university within the City limit.
  - The Mayor’s Nominating and Screening Committee shall make selection.
- D. **3 Non-profit/Community of Faith Members**
  - The Mayor’s Nominating and Screening Committee shall make selection.

E. Council Member (liaison – chair of the Community Services and Youth Committee)

Section 2. Term of board membership shall be 3 years.

Section 3. If a current sitting member's seat becomes vacant before the completion of his/her term, the next runners up from the previous neighborhood conference caucus will be asked to fill the position until the next caucus and elections at the next neighborhood conference.

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**\*\*ARTICLE IV - DUTIES OF MEMBERSHIP\*\***

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Section 1. Members shall be responsible for addressing issues of concern to neighborhoods and assisting in organizing emerging neighborhood groups.

Section 2. Members shall make recommendations to the Riverside City Council concerning neighborhoods and neighborhood matters.

Section 3. Members will be asked to serve on RNP standing and/or ad hoc subcommittees.

Section 4. Members may be removed from the RNP board by an affirmative vote of 2/3rds for cause including the following reasons:

- A. Absence from three consecutive regular meetings, unless by permission of the RNP as expressed in the official minutes;
- B. Incompetence, malfeasance, misfeasance, nonfeasance, neglect of duty, or conviction of a crime involving moral turpitude.

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**\*\*ARTICLE V - OFFICERS\*\***

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Section 1. The officers of the RNP shall consist of a Chairperson and two Vice-Chairpersons.

Section 2. The Chairperson and one Vice-Chair will at all times be neighborhood representatives.

Section 3. The officers shall be elected from the membership at the first meeting in July of each year.

Section 4. Each officer shall serve a term of one (1) year beginning in July and ending in June of that fiscal year.

Section 5. In case of a vacancy in office other than that of Chairperson, the vacancy shall be filled by election at a subsequent regular meeting of the organization.

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**\*\*ARTICLE VI - DUTIES OF OFFICERS\*\***

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Section 1. The duties of the Chairperson shall be to preside over all meetings of the organization, to appoint committee chairpersons, and to be or appoint the spokesperson for the organization to local government, the press, or other neighborhood organizations.

Section 2. The duties of the Vice-Chairperson shall be to preside over meetings of the